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Diesel Fuel Spill Clean-Up in Effect

(TROY, MICH.) - The City of Troy is working together with federal, state and local agencies to quickly clean up an estimated 100 gallon diesel fuel spill that occurred in the Maple Road/ Stephenson area on Tuesday, December 16. It was discovered that a trucking company delivering products to a business on Maple Road had a leak in the truck causing an estimated 100 gallons of diesel fuel to leak into the City's storm drain system leading to the Barnard Drain which is a tributary to the Clinton River.

A City of Troy Public Works employee noticed the sheen on the creek on Tuesday at Chicago Road north of the Oakland Mall and immediately notified his supervisor. The City's Environmental Specialist initiated contact with Oakland County to put together a Spill Response Team from the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office.

The City Staff tracked the spill upstream through the county drain into the City storm system to the business on Maple Road. Currently the City of Troy is working together with the Department of Natural Resources, a US Fish & Wildlife Rescue Team, the Michigan Humane Society and the USEPA to evaluate the condition of the affected wildlife and to mitigate cleanup of the area. It is estimated that more than 150 geese and ducks have been affected. There is no danger to people in the surrounding areas.

A local company is also on hand to coordinate the water pollution clean-up over the next few days. Residents are asked to stay away from the area in order for the clean up to progress as quickly as possible.

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